

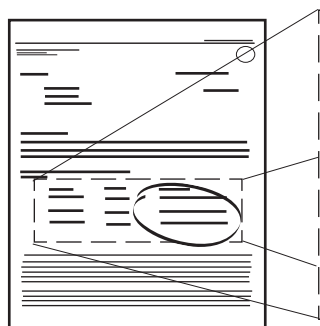
Disqualification Fact Sheet

Entitlement

This information sheet explains the reasons why a person might not be awarded a Cal Grant. Please refer to your Cal Grant Notification letter for the specific reason you were disqualified.

Why didn't I get an award?

Look on your Cal Grant Notification letter. Each Cal Grant program has requirements that a student must meet in order to be awarded a Cal Grant. Your Cal Grant Notification letter will have the specific reason that you were not awarded. Under 'REASON' listed in your letter, you will find a disqualification reason. Read below for a more detailed explanation of what those disqualification reasons mean.



Your Cal Grant award status is listed below:

	STATUS	REASON
CAL GRANT A	NOT AWARDED	GPA BELOW MINIMUM
CAL GRANT B	NOT AWARDED	MINIMUM FINANCIAL NEED NOT MET

Reason:

School Not Eligible for Cal Grant A or B

EL Greater than 4 (EL means year in college)

Indication of Prior Bachelor's Degree

No California School Listed

State of Legal Residence Not California

Not a California Resident at Time of Graduation--

Not a Recent High School Graduate

Not Pursuing an Undergraduate Degree

GPA Below Minimum

Minimum Financial Need Not Met

Reported Income over the Ceiling

Reported Assets over the Ceiling

What It Means:

- Not all schools participate in all Cal Grant programs.
- New Cal Grants are not offered to students beyond the college senior level.
- Awards cannot be offered to students with a bachelor's degree.
- Student must be attending a California college or university.
- Student must be a California resident.
- Student must be considered a California resident at the time of high school graduation.
- Entitlement awards are limited to students graduating high school July 1, 2007 and after.
- Graduate level students cannot receive Cal Grant benefits.
- Cal Grant A requires a minimum 3.00 high school GPA or minimum 2.40 college GPA; for Cal Grant B, a minimum 2.00 GPA of any type is required.
- Sufficient financial need was not demonstrated for an award at the first California college you listed on your FAFSA.
- Applicants whose family incomes were above the maximum income levels listed were not selected for an award.
- Applicants whose family assets were above the maximum asset level were not selected for a Cal Grant award.

How can I make corrections?

If you believe the information used by CSAC to determine your status was incorrect, please review the information you submitted on your 2009-10 FAFSA and file any corrections, including the college you might attend, at www.fafsa.ed.gov. CSAC will receive the corrections.

If you feel your GPA was not correctly calculated, you must have a correction filed by the school that submitted the GPA.

What are the Entitlement Cal Grant Minimum Qualifications?

To qualify for an Entitlement Cal Grant, you must: be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen (for example, have a Permanent Resident Card or I-551); be a California resident at the time of high school graduation; graduate high school on or after July 1, 2007; attend a qualifying California college; demonstrate financial need at the college; be in a program leading to an undergraduate degree or certificate; not have a bachelor's or professional degree before receiving a Cal Grant; not owe a refund on any state or federal educational grant; not be in default on a student loan; meet the GPA requirements; and not exceed the income and asset ceilings listed below.

For dependent students, the parents' *total taxable and non-taxable income is compared against the ceiling. For independent students, only the student's (and spouse's income if married) is compared.* The Cal Grant income maximums, award amounts and eligibility criteria are subject to final authorization and change in the State Budget Act.

What are the 2009-10 Income Ceilings for the Cal Grant Programs?

For dependent students and independent students with dependents other than a spouse:

Cal Grant A & C

\$71,600 for a family of two
\$73,300 for a family of three
\$79,700 for a family of four
\$85,400 for a family of five
\$92,100 for a family of six or more

Cal Grant B

\$33,400 for a family of two
\$37,700 for a family of three
\$41,900 for a family of four
\$46,900 for a family of five
\$50,600 for a family of six or more

Independent applicants with no dependents other than a spouse:

Cal Grant A, B & C

\$29,200 for single students
\$33,400 for married students (with no other dependents)
Income compared against the ceilings includes taxable and nontaxable income

What are the 2009-10 Asset Ceilings for the Cal Grant Programs?

For all Cal Grant programs, the asset ceilings are:

Dependent students or independent students with dependents other than a spouse - \$61,700
Single independent students and married students with no other dependents - \$29,300
Assets do not include equity for the primary family residence

What can I do now?

If you are not making corrections to your FAFSA, remember that just because you are not receiving a Cal Grant does not mean you aren't eligible to receive other financial aid! CSAC recommends that you contact the financial aid office or visit the website of your college and ask about other aid you may receive. They may be able to assist you in identifying other sources of financial aid that are available to you, including federal and college grants, scholarships, loans and work-study opportunities.

If you just graduated from high school, you can apply for a Cal Grant Entitlement award or a Transfer Entitlement award for next year. Be sure to apply again next year by March 2.

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